

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
MECHANICAL BOARD**

1511 Pontiac Avenue

Building 70 – 2nd Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2005

9:00 A.M.

In attendance: Stanley Davies

Michael Carreiro

Chester Stewart

Kenneth Aurecchia

John Webster

Peter Lombardi

Ronald Cronin

Board members Frank Babbitt and Bobby Joe Harris are not in attendance for today's meeting.

Mr. Davies called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

There are five (5) hearings scheduled today for which there is a board stenographer.

1. RJ Sanders, Inc. – Violation # 2321

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The first two appeal hearings today are with RJ Sanders, Inc. Mr. Wright informed the board that the attorney (Mr. Daniel J. Silva) representing RJ Sanders, Inc., has requested and been granted a final postponement for today's hearing.

3. Alfred A. Larocco – Violation # 2384

The next appeal hearing today is with regard to Alfred A. Larocco. Mr. Larocco and Mr. Charles Wright, RIDLT Investigator are present and sworn in by the board stenographer.

Mr. Wright read the violation: It is alleged, that on May 31 2005, a complaint was received from Mr. Frank Babbitt, City of Providence Mechanical inspector that Mr. Alfred A. Larocco of ST Smith Oil Burner Service, performed mechanical work at 522 Manton Avenue, Providence, RI without obtaining a permit from the City of Providence. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-20 "municipal inspections and installation permits".

Based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Aurecchia made a motion

to uphold the fine for violation of RIGL 28-27-20 "Municipal inspections and installation permits". Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

4. Kenneth M. Leonard, Jr. – Violation # 2366

The final appeal hearing today is with regard to Kenneth M. Leonard, Jr. of Fire Control International, Inc. Mr. Kenneth Leonard and Mr. E. Patrick Luther, RIDLT Investigator are present and sworn in by the board stenographer.

Mr. Wright read the violation: It is alleged that on May 3, 2005, Mr. E. Patrick Luther, RIDLT Investigator, did find two (2) alleged employees (R.T. Sousa Apprentice #15683 and James Holohen, 14 Meredith Drive, Coventry, RI 02816) of Fire Control International Inc., working on fire protection piping without supervision and without a valid RI Sprinkler license. These are violations of RIGL 28-27-4.3 "Pipefitter apprentice" and RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required".

Based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Webster made a motion to dismiss the fine for violation of RIGL 28-27-4.3 "Pipefitter apprentice" and RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required". Mr. Lombardi seconded the motion. Mr. Gill, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Aurecchia voted in favor. Mr. Cronin and Mr. Carreiro voted nay. The ayes win and the motion carried.

This concludes the appeal hearings for today.

Mr. Davies asked the board if they have had an opportunity to review the minutes of the June meeting. Mr. Aurecchia made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded. Mr. Lombardi seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Wright informed the board that Mr. Darren DeSouto is present today and would like to address the board.

Mr. DeSouto began by requesting permission from the board to sit for the Pipefitter journeyman 2 examination. Mr. DeSouto explained that he has worked for the Navy Base since 1989 where he has performed pipefitting work and no license is required.

Mr. Wright informed the board that he and Mr. Whittaker have reviewed Mr. DeSouto's resume and work history and feel he is qualified to take the exam. With that, Mr. Lombardi made a motion to allow Mr. DeSouto to sit for the next PJ2 examination. Mr. Carreiro seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Lombardi then informed the board that he has received a letter of resignation from Mr. Gill and would like to present it to the chair with regret. Mr. Gill stated that he has enjoyed his tenure on the board and would like to remain, but health reasons will prevent him from

continuing.

Mr. Davies accepted the letter from Mr. Lombardi and asked the board for a motion. Mr. Lombardi then made a motion to accept with regret, the resignation of Mr. Harold A. Gill from the RI Mechanical Board. All members voted in favor.

With no further business, Mr. Aurecchia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 am. Mr. Gill seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The next meeting of the Mechanical Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Building 70, second floor conference room.